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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT BANZER

1. PARAGRAPH TWO CONTAINS PRESIDENT CARTER'S RESPONSE TO  
PRESIDENT BANZER'S LETTER OF APRIL 19. POST IS REQUESTED  
TO DELIVER LETTER TO PRESIDENT BANZER SOONEST.  
ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER  
OF APRIL 19 AND YOUR GOOD WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES BY THE UNITED  
STATES SENATE.

I AM ENCOURAGED BY YOUR BELIEF IN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE  
TREATIES. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT OTHER LEADERS OF OUR RE-  
GION WILL ALSO SEE THEM AS A KEY MILESTONE, REPRESENTING  
OUR DESIRE FOR RELATIONSHIPS BASED UPON MUTUAL RESPECT AND  
AN UNDERSTANDING OF NATIONAL GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS.

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I BELIEVE THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES AND THE PROCESS OF  
PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION THAT BROUGHT THEM ABOUT CAN ALSO  
SERVE AS EXAMPLES FOR THE RESOLUTION OF OTHER ISSUES IN  
THE HEMISPHERE. INDEED, THE DESIRE OF THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE  
TO REGAIN AN OUTLET TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN IS A MATTER THAT

COULD REASONABLY BE ADDRESSED IN THE SAME FASHION. AS YOU KNOW FROM OUR CONVERSATION LAST SEPTEMBER AND SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATIONS, THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS EFFORTS TOWARD A SOLUTION OF THE CORRIDOR ISSUE THAT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. SUCH A SETTLEMENT, IF REACHED, WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO THE PACIFIC COAST SUB-REGION AND, ULTIMATELY, TO THE HEMISPHERE AS A WHOLE. A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE OUTCOME WOULD REMOVE A SOURCE OF INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENCES, AND WOULD, I BELIEVE, HELP TO FOCUS THE ATTENTION OF THE THREE COUNTRIES ON THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE SUB-REGION IN QUESTION. THIS IN TURN WOULD TEND TO DRAW THE HELPFUL ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS OF FRIENDLY NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

AS A CONCERNED AND INTERESTED MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY, THE UNITED STATES IS EAGER TO SEE A RESUMPTION OF SUB-REGIONAL CONVERSATIONS WHICH WOULD ADDRESS BOLIVIA'S ASPIRATIONS AND THE CONCERN OF THE OTHER NATIONS INVOLVED. AS IN THE CASE OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES, LENGTHY AND DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS MAY BE REQUIRED, BUT THIS IS THE ONLY ROAD TO A SUCCESSFUL SOLUTION.

PLEASE BE ASSURED, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT I SUPPORT BOLIVIA'S DESIRE FOR ACCESS TO THE SEA, AND I CONSIDER IT AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR THE HEMISPHERE. I WILL CONTINUE TO  
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FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER WITH KEEN INTEREST, AND THE US IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO A PEACEFUL AND MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SETTLEMENT TO THIS LONG-STANDING PROBLEM. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR THE RAPID PROGRESS YOUR COUNTRY HAS MADE ON IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS AND HAVING FREE ELECTIONS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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